



SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the recent Parish Council meeting the Clerk asked if readers of the Newsletter could be reminded that any faulty street lights should be reported to him, as this would facilitate their speedy repair. His telephone number is 01525 370094.

The successful result of the appeal against the Council's refusal to grant permission to the developer who owns the field on the Stewkley Road site was discussed. It was felt that publicising details of this Inspector's decision might be helpful against any future applications for that site or a similar one. The Inspector considered the main issue in determining the appeal was the effect of the scheme on the character and appearance of this part of Soulbury, bearing in mind planning policy aims for the locality. These state that any new housing development should be small scale and located within existing settlements. The character of the area should be respected for instance the loss of open land of visual or physical value would be a serious erosion of environmental quality.

The Inspector found the village to have a pronounced rural character derived from the hedges, grass verges and trees. She considered Ivy Cottage of an isolated rural dwelling, still apart from the main village settlement, and the gap (the field in question) to be a valuable and open feature of that side of the road. Loosely speaking the scheme would have built development on either side, but it does not follow that the site must be suitable for new housing.

In conclusion the Inspector found the proposal would cause demonstrable havoc to the character and appearance of the village to an unacceptable degree and that none of the criteria for new dwellings at the edge of settlements were met. These are:- a) that the site is already bounded on 3 sides by built development; b) the development would relate well to the existing framework of the settlement; c) that it would not involve an outward extension into open countryside; d) that it would result in a clearly defined boundary to the built-up area; e) that it would be small scale rounding off and f) that it would not harm the character and identity of the settlement. A complete copy of the Inspector's letter is now with the clerk if anyone would like to see it.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 19th February.

CAROL SINGING

The carol singing round the village for 'Save the Children Fund' did not take place as only 3 singers turned out. Various donations have however, been received and if you would like to add to these before the money is sent to 'Save the Children' please contact Liz Miller (270545).

SOULBURY ENDOWED SCHOOL CHARITY

This charity has grants available to help with all aspects of education of 14-18 year olds who live in Soulbury Parish. This year not enough applicants have come forward and the deadline for applications has been extended. Applications must now be made in writing to the Clerk by February 10th 1996.

Please write to:- A J Pargeter, Clerk to the Trustees, Bridge House, Bridge Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 7AH.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER & DRAM

This is to be held on Saturday 27th January in the Clubroom at 7.15pm. Tickets are £6. Please bring your own drink and glasses. For further details please contact Lorna Stevens (270444).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Church Funds There will be a coffee morning on the 17th February from 10am - 12pm in the Clubroom to raise money for Church Funds.

The Christmas Bingo raised the sum of £110. Many thanks to all those involved.

Promises Auction

This will be held on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Clubroom. The auction will start at 8pm and the auctioneer once again is Tony Gotzheim. We now need promises and favours from as many people as possible - from baby-sitting to ironing, a round of golf at a special club to baking a cake, the offer of holiday accommodation or whatever you can do or give. Please contact Susie Whittaker on 270448 or David Kempster on 270080 with your offers and promises. Those who attended last year will remember the fun and great humour of Tony Gotzheim and the entertainment both for those who bought and those who did not.

Fundraising

The Friends would like to thank all those involved in raising the following amounts.

Hollingdon Supper	£194.
Christmas Draw	£922.
Carol Evening at the Boot	£104.

WANTED A Barn suitable for a Barn Dance sometime between May and September. Contact 270474 after 4pm.

FOUND In the Church field, a small brown bear with a brown bow, currently being fostered at Close Cottage. Owner please call 270534.

REGISTERED CHILDMINDER has vacancies full or part time. Call Ruth 270640.

If anyone is interested in joining the art drawing and water colour classes run in the village, please contact Mrs Jeffrey's (qualified illustrator) 270343.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Vicar. Rev. Norman Cotton, The Vicarage, Stewkley, 240287

Sunday Services.

Sung Eucharist 11.30am each Sunday

METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev. J Hustler. Tel 240251, The Manse, Stewkley.

Jan. 28th	6pm		
Feb 4th	10.30am	Mrs J. Gregory	Family Service
Feb 11th	6pm	Rev. J. Hustler	Sacrement
Feb 18th	6pm	Mr S. Annis	
Feb 25th	6pm	Mrs F. Fisher	

Youth Group every Sunday after 6pm service, except 1st Sunday in the month.
 Mother & Toddler Group - every Tuesday 10.45am - 12 noon.

Forthcoming Events (In the Clubroom unless otherwise stated)

Thurs. Jan 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Bowls Evening	7.30pm
Wed Jan 24, Feb 7, 21	Waste Paper Collection Service	
Wed Jan 24, Feb 7, 21	Mobile Library at the Stone	11.35-11.55am
Sat Jan 27th	Burns Night Supper	7.15pm
Tues Feb 13th	W.I. Speaker Mr M. Parslow 'A Professional Hitman'	
Wed Feb 14th	Social Circle	2.30pm
Sat Feb 17th	Coffee morning for Church Funds	10am-12pm
Mon. Feb 19th	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
Wed Feb 21st	W.F. at the home of Mrs Pam Norman A talk by a Manicurist.	

Diary Date

Mon 18th March	Parish Council
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 Items for next issue by 20th February to: Mrs Miller. 270545. Mrs Bunyan 270461.

Mrs Norman 270483. Mrs Fairbairn 270674.

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